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2. At a Deputies' Meeting one day last week Mr. Dulles asked me to insure that the term "waiver of accountings" was eliminated from our Regulations. I will speak to [REDACTED] about this.

3. Met with Messrs. Perry, Macy, and Hamilton to discuss two requests for release of money from our Contingency Reserve. They disapproved of our requests to cover expenses for a guard at the [REDACTED] and the reimbursement [REDACTED]. In general, they expressed the opinion that releases from the Reserve must meet the standards which other agencies would have to meet in order to go to Congress for a supplemental appropriation. We also discussed the general philosophy as to whether or not it would be advisable for CIA to wait until its over-all financial situation would justify a supplemental request before requesting a release from the Reserve. I objected to this and it was finally agreed that we would continue requesting releases on an ad hoc basis as at present.

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5. Met with Messrs. [REDACTED] of the WE Division concerning the use of [REDACTED] funds. Emphasized to them that [REDACTED] funds must be expended and accounted for with the same care as funds received by direct appropriation. It was agreed that I would instruct the Project Administrative Planning Staff to develop an Administrative Plan for [REDACTED] which would permit subprojects thereunder of a proprietary or [REDACTED] nature without the writing of a completely new Plan.

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6. Larry Houston, [REDACTED] and I met with Messrs. Perry and Hamilton, Bureau of the Budget, concerning our 1955 budget. The Bureau has completed its markup and will request [REDACTED] for us for 1955. They did not approve of the "B" budget but deferred any decision on [REDACTED] dollars of unvouchered funds requested in this budget. This means, in effect, that if contemplated projects actually do develop the Bureau would favorably consider a release from the Reserve in this amount. We also discussed the possibility of having the CIA Reserve appropriated as "no year--good until spent." Mr. Houston is to touch base with the Comptroller General and if his office favorably considers such a proposal we will discuss it with the congressional committee. I have discussed the matter with Mr. Dulles who is very favorably disposed.

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7. Asked [REDACTED] to come up with positive recommendations as to how he could properly review accountings of senior representatives without doing so on an individual basis. Also gave him further guidance on a memorandum for my signature to the Director concerning General [REDACTED] report and asked him to be sure to get it to me this week.

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8. Mr. Pforzheimer has discussed the reimbursement problem (Bureau of the Budget Circular No. 54-8) with Ken Sprankle of the House Appropriations Committee staff and with Mr. Scott of the Senate Committee staff. As the matter now stands, the House will go along with whatever the Senate wants and Mr. Scott will propose to Senator Bridges that the phrase "security classified activities" be inserted in reports submitted by the various agencies. CIA would then make a report to the Chairman and the Chairman would handle the subcommittees. This appears to be exactly what we want.

Mr. Pforzheimer advised me that Mr. [REDACTED] had declined our invitation to send someone down for orientation prior to our budget hearing.

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9. Queried Mr. [REDACTED] as to the desirability of using PBS labor to do certain security repair work to Mr. Dulles' house. He advised me that the same procedure had been followed in doing this type of work at General Smith's house and believed that it was entirely secure. (The fact is that it is too late to change it anyway!)

10. Mr. Pforzheimer and I interviewed Mrs. [REDACTED]. It is more than evident that she has been badly treated by the Agency and that the General Services Office is seriously at fault in misleading her. Accordingly, after the interview I advised her that she could enter on duty on Monday, 7 December 1953, and instructed both Personnel [REDACTED] and General Services [REDACTED] that she should be entered on duty without further delay.

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11. [REDACTED] was up to request my assistance in getting Logistics representation on a War Planning Board. I assured him that I would make the necessary arrangements.

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